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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1030

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM PINR PINS LA

SUBJECT: REPORTED SIGHTING OF FORMER KING, CROWN PRINCE, AND  
QUEEN IN VIENGSAI

1. A LAO SOURCE WHO MOVED TO VIENTIANE FROM VIENGSAI  
IN JUNE 1977 TOLD EMBOFF THAT SHE SAW FORMER KING  
SRISAVANG VATTHANA, THE FORMER QUEEN, AND THE FORMER CROWN  
PRINCE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY WHILE THEY WERE RESID-  
ING IN VIENGSAI. SOURCE SAID THE KING AND HIS FAMILY  
WERE LIVING IN A SMALL BUNGALOW BUT WERE NOT PERMITTED  
TO RECEIVE VISITORS. SHE SAID THAT WHEN A GROUP OF  
LAO TRAVELED TO VIENGSAI AND ASKED TO SEE THE KING  
THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY HANDCUFFED AND TAKEN AWAY BY  
MILITARY OFFICIALS.

2. SOURCE SAID THE KING SEEMED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH  
AND THAT HIS MEALS WERE BROUGHT TO HIM AT THE  
BUNGALOW. SHE SAID THAT IT WAS HER UNDERSTANDING THAT  
THE KING WAS NOT UNDERGOING A RE-EDUCATION COURSE BUT  
WAS KEPT IN VIENGSAI "FOR SECURITY REASONS."  
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